

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] In order to gain access to a network database, a new user must first request authorization. Processing new user access requests for databases through conventional means is a tedious and time consuming process. A user may send the database administrator a note requesting access to particular databases, and the database administrator typically processes the request through a series of manual tasks. In a typical process, a database administrator must perform many repetitive and time-consuming database tasks to grant access to a plurality of users. First, the database administrator adds the users to appropriate access lists in a separate database. The database administrator may need to create and/or edit more than one access list per user. Second, the database administrator may need to create user/member profiles in the target database. Third, the database administrator may need to create and/or edit more than one user/member profile document per user for each application or database. Fourth, the database administrator creates an access button to automate creation of a connection document for each user. The connection document includes the necessary information for the user to make a connection to the server containing the database. Next, the database administrator creates an instructional access note which explains to the user the procedure for accessing the database. Lastly, the database administrator responds to the user (e.g., via email) and attaches the access button and the explanatory material pertaining to the database.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] Embodiments of the invention generally provide method and apparatus for managing user access to database(s) which significantly reduces the time-consuming, repetitive tasks a database administrator must perform to grant user access to one or more database. In one aspect, a database administrator's administration time for processing user access requests may be significantly reduced from hours to less than one minute. Embodiments of the invention also facilitate a database administrator's ability to grant multiple user access of different types to multiple databases.

Furthermore, embodiments of the invention provide a system and method for tracking grants of user access for multiple databases.

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] Referring back to block 214, if the database administrator has authority to give users access to the application, then the method 200 proceeds to block 220 to add users to the NAB/group. Figure 5 is a flow chart illustrating one embodiment of a method 500 for adding users to NAB/group. The method 500 illustrates one embodiment of the processes performed in block 220. The method 500 begins at block 510 and proceeds to block 520 to determine the type of NAB based on the type of application. After determining the type of NAB, the method 500 queries whether the user already exists in the NAB at block 530. If the user does not exist exit in the NAB, the method 500 proceeds to block 540 to add the user to the group. The method 500 then proceeds to determine whether more users need to be processed at block 550.

Please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] Figure 7 illustrates one embodiment of an access document 700. The access document includes a list of the users 710 who has have been granted access, the database or application 720 to which access has been granted, the type of access 730 granted to the users, a note 740 informing the users the waiting period before access become available, an access button 750 which automates the connection procedure for the user to connect to the application/database, an explanation 760 of the manual procedure for the user to connect to the application/database, and a contacts list 770 listing the support personnel for accessing this application/database.